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(ix) What are the procedures for the secure use, certification and accreditation of automated information systems and networks which use, process, store, reproduce, or transmit classified information?

(x) What are the requirements for oversight of the security classification program, including agency self-inspections?

(d) *Refresher security education and training.* Agencies shall provide refresher training to employees who create, process or handle classified information. Refresher training should reinforce the policies, principles and procedures covered in initial and specialized training. Refresher training should also address the threat and the techniques employed by foreign intelligence activities attempting to obtain classified information, and advise personnel of penalties for engaging in espionage activities. Refresher training should also address issues or concerns identified during agency self-inspections. When other methods are impractical, agencies may satisfy the requirement for refresher training by means of audiovisual products or written materials.

(e) *Termination briefings.* Each agency shall ensure that each employee granted access to classified information who leaves the service of the agency receives a termination briefing. Also, each agency employee whose clearance is withdrawn must receive such a briefing. At a minimum, termination briefings must impress upon each employee: The continuing responsibility not to disclose any classified information to which the employee had access and the potential penalties for non-compliance; and the obligation to return to the appropriate agency official all classified documents and materials in the employee's possession.

(f) *Other security education and training.* Agencies are encouraged to develop additional security education and training according to program and policy needs. Such security education and training could include:

(1) Practices applicable to U.S. officials traveling overseas;

(2) Procedures for protecting classified information processed and stored in automated information systems;

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(3) Methods for dealing with uncleared personnel who work in proximity to classified information;

(4) Responsibilities of personnel serving as couriers of classified information; and

(5) Security requirements that govern participation in international programs.

Subpart E—Declassification

§ 2001.50 Definition [3.1].

A *file series* is a body of related records created or maintained by an agency, activity, office or individual. The records may be related by subject, topic, form, function, or filing scheme. An agency, activity, office, or individual may create or maintain several different file series, each serving a different function. Examples may include a subject file, alphabetical name index, chronological file, or a record set of agency publications. File series frequently correspond to items on a NARA-approved agency records schedule. Some very large series may contain several identifiable sub-series, and it may be appropriate to treat sub-series as discrete series for the purposes of the Order.

§ 2001.51 Automatic declassification [3.4].

(a) *General.* All departments and agencies that have original classification authority, or previously had original classification authority, and maintain records appraised as having permanent historical value that contain information classified by that agency shall comply with the automatic declassification provisions of the Order. All agencies with original classification authority shall cooperate with NARA in carrying out an automatic declassification program involving accessioned Federal records, presidential papers and records, and donated historical materials under the control of the Archivist of the United States. The Archivist will not declassify information created by another agency without the prior consent of that agency.

(b) *Presidential records.* The Archivist of the United States shall establish procedures for the declassification of

presidential or White House materials accessioned into the National Archives of the United States or maintained in the presidential libraries.

(c) *Transferred information.* In the case of classified information transferred in conjunction with a transfer of functions, and not merely for storage or archival purposes, the receiving agency shall be deemed to be the originating agency.

(d) *Unofficially transferred information.* In the case of classified information that is not officially transferred as described in paragraph (c), of this section, but that originated in an agency that has ceased to exist and for which there is no successor agency, the Director of ISOO will designate an agency or agencies to act on provisions of the Order.

(e) *Processing records originated by another agency.* When an agency uncovers classified records originated by another agency that appear to meet the criteria for the application of the automatic declassification provisions of the Order, the finding agency should alert the originating agency and seek instruction regarding the handling and disposition of pertinent records.

(f) *Unscheduled records.* Classified information in records that have not been scheduled for disposal or retention by NARA is not subject to section 3.4 of the Order. Classified information in records that are scheduled as permanently valuable when that information is already more than 20 years old shall be subject to the automatic declassification provisions of section 3.4 of the Order five years from the date the records are scheduled. Classified information in records that are scheduled as permanently valuable when that information is less than 20 years old shall be subject to the automatic declassification provisions of section 3.4 of the Order when the information is 25 years old.

(g) *Foreign government information.* The declassifying agency is the agency that initially received or classified the information. When foreign government information appears to be subject to automatic declassification, the declassifying agency shall determine whether the information is subject to a treaty or international agreement that would

prevent its declassification at that time. The declassifying agency shall also determine if another exemption under section 3.4(b) of the Order, such as the exemption that pertains to United States foreign relations, may apply to the information. If the declassifying agency believes such an exemption may apply, it should consult with any other concerned agencies in making its declassification determination. The declassifying agency or the Department of State, as appropriate, should consult with the foreign government prior to declassification.

(h) *Assistance to the Archivist of the United States.* Agencies shall consult with NARA before establishing automatic declassification programs. Agencies shall cooperate with NARA in developing schedules for the declassification of records in the National Archives of the United States and the presidential libraries to ensure that declassification is accomplished in a timely manner. NARA will provide information about the records proposed for automatic declassification. Agencies shall consult with NARA before reviewing records in their holdings to ensure that appropriate procedures are established for maintaining the integrity of the records and that NARA receives accurate information about agency declassification actions when records are transferred to NARA. NARA will provide guidance to the agencies about the requirements for notification of declassification actions on transferred records, box labeling, and identifying exempt information in the records.

(i) *Use of approved declassification guides.* Approved declassification guides may be used as a tool to assist in the exemption from automatic declassification of specific information as provided in section 3.4(d) of the Order. These guides must include additional pertinent detail relating to the exemptions described in section 3.4(b) of the Order, and follow the format required of declassification guides for systematic review as described in §2001.53 of this part. In order for such guides to be used in place of the identification of specific information within individual documents, the information to be exempted must be narrowly defined, with

sufficient specificity to allow the user to identify the information with precision. Exemptions for general categories of information will not be acceptable. The actual items to be exempted are specific documents. All such declassification guides used in conjunction with section 3.4(d) of the Order must be submitted to the Director of ISOO, serving as Executive Secretary of the Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel, for approval by the Panel.

(j) *Automatic declassification date.* No later than April 17, 2000, information over 25 years old in unreviewed permanently valuable records in non-exempt file series will be automatically declassified.

(k) *Redaction standard.* Agencies are encouraged but are not required to redact documents that contain information that is exempt from automatic declassification under section 3.4 of the Order, especially if the information that must remain classified comprises a relatively small portion of the document.

(l) *Restricted Data and Formerly Restricted Data.* (1) Restricted Data (RD) and Formerly Restricted Data (FRD) are exempt from the automatic declassification requirements in section 3.4 of the Order because they are classified under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended. Restricted Data concerns:

(i) The design, manufacture, or utilization of atomic weapons;

(ii) The production of special nuclear material, e.g., enriched uranium or plutonium; or

(iii) The use of special nuclear material in the production of energy.

(2) Formerly Restricted Data is information that is still classified but which has been removed from the Restricted Data category because it is related primarily to the military utilization of atomic weapons.

(3) Any document marked as containing Restricted Data or Formerly Restricted Data shall remain classified indefinitely or shall be referred to the Department of Energy or the Department of Defense for a classification review.

§ 2001.52 Systematic declassification review [3.5].

(a) *Listing of declassification authorities.* Agencies shall maintain a current listing of officials delegated declassification authority by name, position, or other identifier. If possible, this listing shall be unclassified.

(b) *Responsibilities.* Agencies shall establish systematic review programs for those records containing information that is exempt from automatic declassification. Agencies may also conduct systematic review of information contained in permanently valuable records that is less than 25 years old.

§ 2001.53 Declassification guides [3.5(b)].

(a) *Preparation of declassification guides.* Declassification guides shall be prepared to facilitate the declassification of information contained in records determined to be of permanent historical value. When it is sufficiently detailed and understandable, and identified for both purposes, a classification guide may also be used as a declassification guide.

(b) *General content of declassification guides.* Declassification guides shall, at a minimum:

(1) Identify the subject matter of the declassification guide;

(2) Identify the original declassification authority by name or personal identifier, and position;

(3) Provide the date of issuance or last review;

(4) State precisely the categories or elements of information:

(i) To be declassified;

(ii) To be downgraded; or

(iii) Not to be declassified.

(5) Identify any related files series that have been exempted from automatic declassification pursuant to section 3.4(c) of the Order;

(6) To the extent a guide is used in conjunction with the automatic declassification provisions in section 3.4 of the Order, state precisely the elements of information to be exempted from declassification to include:

(i) The appropriate exemption category listed in section 3.4(b) of the Order, and, when citing the exemption category listed in section 3.4(b)(9) of